

# Hazy 1983 bygone days

The club has not always been based at Jeffrey Field throughout its 105-year history.

Although details of the early days of East Ardsley cricket are obscure, it seems there were originally two sides in the village.

As well as the present club, there was a team associated with what used to be the East Ardsley Zion Chapel, off Bradford Road, the premises of which are now used by a local book company.

It would appear that Jeffrey Field was originally home to this long-since disbanded Zion Chapel team, while the forerunners of United occupied a ground nearer the chapel itself, so the two sides agreed to exchange fields.

The club had certainly been long established at Jeffrey Field in the late 1930s.

Last year, the club changed its name to East Ardsley United Cricket and Athletic Club, to recognise the recently formed soccer section, now about to enter its third season, which was started by a nucleus of the cricketers to continue their sporting involvement during the winter months.

The soccer enthusiasts are based at the Jeffrey Field clubhouse and play their matches at the village recreation ground.

In their first season together, they carried off three footballing trophies, including winning their league.

Back on the cricketing front, a notable development this season has been the introduction of the East Ardsley United Cricket and Athletic Club WMC and Hotel Challenge Trophy, a knock-out competition which has attracted entries from 10 teams of non-league cricketers representing local pubs and clubs.